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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes

—OF THE—

10th Annual Session,

—OF THE—

HAW RIDGE BAPTIST Association,

—HELD WITH—

Antioch Church

In Barbour County Alabama.

OCTOBER 13th and 14th, 1898.

OFFICERS.

N. H. DAVIS,	Moderator.
W. E. HAYES,	Clerk.
J. W. ROE,	Treasurer.

The next session will be held with the Baptist Church at
Pleasant Grove, in Dale county, one half mile
West of Dillard station, on Thursday
and Friday, before the 3rd
Sunday in October.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

MISSIONS—Lewis Moseley, J. Matt Williams, and W. L. Echols.

EDUCATION—J. W. Roe, W. M. Cooper, and Mack Hatcher.

TEMPERANCE—Philip King, W. H. Akin, and I. H. McLane.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS—G. B. Langford, W. E. Heath, and James Hudson.

ORPHAN'S HOME—Henry Hudson, John Jones, and Elbert Matthews.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. J. Hatcher, J. B. Byrd Jr., and J. Bledsoe.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elvin Jones, H. Beckham, Daniel Martin, W. H. Andrews, and W. J. Snellgrove.

MINUTES.

The Tenth annual session of the Haw Ridge Baptist Association convened with Antioch Church in Barbour county, Alabama Oct. 13th 1898.

The Introductory sermon was preached by brother Alfred Mizell from Acts, 8:4.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called together by the clerk, W. E Hayes, by singing and prayer by J. B. Byrd, Jr.

On motion by J. W. Roe, that W. E. Hayes act as Moderator, *pro tem* carried.

Called for letters to this Association the following letters were read and delegates names were enrolled as follows: Brethren W. W. Faulkner and J. B. Bledsoe reading the letters.

ANTIOCH.—A Pellum, E. K. Smith, C. C. Casey and W. H. Akin.

CHRISTIAN HOME—J. W. Wilson.

EBENEZER.—W. E. Hayes, N. H. Davis, W. C. Jones and W. J. Snellgrove.

ENON—J. D. Hornsby, H. M. Bradley.

HAW RIDGE—E J Cureton.

MT. LIBERTY—Daniel Martin and Jas. Hudson.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. W. Powel, N. M. Godwin, T. N. Tomlin, M. V. Smith, J. B. Byrd, Jr., G. B. Langford.

ROCKY HEAD—A. B. Cherry, J. W. Roe, J. B. Bledsoe, M. B. Lavender and A. W. Matthews.

The Moderator announced the body ready for the election of officers on motion the rules were suspended and the officers were elected by acclamation which resulted in the election of N. H. Davis Moderator, W. E. Hayes Clerk and J. W. Roe Treasurer.

Called for Petitionary letters.

Invited visiting ministers and agents to seats in the body with the following response:—Rev. W. W. Faulkner, representing the interest of the Alabama Baptist, also the following brethren as correspondents from the Newton Association: Rev. A. Mizell, R. E. Dean and W. W.

Faulkner. Appointed committee on divine services to-wit: W. J. Snellgrove, W. C. Jones and the delegates from Antioch church.

Appointed committee on Nomination: Daniel Martin, J. D. Hornsby, J. B. Byrd, Jr.

Appointed committee on Document: W. H. Akin, J. W. Wren and J. B. Biersoe.

To supply Standing Committee on Missions, J. W. Roe, A. Pellum J. W. Powell.

Appointed Committee on Finance, W. C. Jones, J. W. Powell, M. V. Smith. Report of committee on Divine Services. To preach at 3:20 p. m J. A. Philips, to-night. J. B. Byrd, Jr. to-morrow at 11 a. m. W. W. Faulkner. On motion adjourned till 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

ANTIOCH, Oct. 14th, 1898.

8:30 a. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator by singing, and prayer by Rev. W. W. Faulkner.

Called for reading of yesterday's proceedings read and adopted.

Called for volunteers to return correspondents to the Newton Association with the following response: A Pellum, Daniel Martin, H. B. Cherry for Pea River Association, H. M. Bradley and J. D. Hornsby

Brother O. C. Doster was received as correspondent from the Newton Association and also represents the Southeast Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute located at Newton, Alabama.

Called for report on Education Committee read the report and preamble with convincing arguments in favor of Education: Pending the adoption of this report, brilliant speeches were made by O. C. Doster and W. W. Faulkner—the report and preamble was adopted. (No. 1.)

On motion by J. W. Roe that the moderator appoint the Trustee from this Association for the Southeast Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute located at Newton, Alabama—carried Bro. J. O. Snellgrove was appointed and the appointment was confirmed by the body.

On motion adjourned to hear W. W. Faulkner preach.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Called to order by Moderator—Called for reports on Temperance—Sunday School's and Orphan's Home, all three made their reports; speeches were heard from J. W. Roe, W. W. Faulkner, A. Pellum and J. A. Philips reports adopted (No. 2, 3 and 4.)

Called for report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, read and adopted (No. 5.)

Called for report on Missions. Read and adopted (No. 6.)

No report from Executive committee.

Called for report on Nomination, Read and approved (No. 7.)

Called for report on Documents, read and approved (No. 8.)

Called for report on Finance read and approved (No. 9.)
Called for Treasurer's report, read and approved (No. 10.)
Resolution of the Association read and adopted (No. 11.)
Finding the minute money insufficient a collection for this purpose was taken up amounting to \$3.

Thus closed another harmonious session of the Haw Ridge Baptist Association.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Baptist church in Dale county, Alabama, one-half mile west of Dillards station on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October 1899.

N. H. DAVIS, Moderator.

W. E. HAYES, Clerk.

REPORT ON EDUCATION—No. 1.

We, your committee on Education beg leave to make the following report. We believe it very important for every Baptist to use every means possible to educate his children and that we, ourselves, should study the word of God more diligently that we may be better enabled to know why we are Baptists, that we may instruct our children in the proper way. Dear Brethren we are fearful that we are not as well up on this line as we should be; our common schools are supplied with more competent teachers than in the past of which we are proud. But we are impressed with the importance of having more wholesome literature and books in our homes for our children that they may have better means of understanding the ways of business for themselves.

We recommend the Howard College and Judson Institute to our brethren. Brethren we need an educated ministry that is able to educate the churches in their charge that we may better understand our duty; we are using energy and showing earnest in our profession as Baptists that our members may not be so easily led off by every wind of doctrine that came along.

Brothers, let us wake up on this and we suggest that each church have a Sabbath school and that all the church members both male and female attend and carry their children which is the best way to educate that we know of in reference to our duty to God and our children leaving them and training them in the way as God has commanded. Brethren be sure to have family devotion in your homes this is a wonderful power in training your children and helping us to grow in good knowledge of Christ.

Whereas, we, as a Missionary Baptist people, representing and constituting the Haw Ridge Association fully realizing the great importance of the proper education of the children of our country; and,

Whereas, we, believing it to be proper and right, when practicable, to educate our children in Schools and Institutions of learning under the auspices of the Missionary Baptist Denomination; and,

Whereas, we, having ascertained it to be a fact, that the Southeast Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute, has been located at Newton, Dale county, Alabama, is now in session with bright prospects under a Board of Trustees composed of Missionary Baptists, and being taught by an efficient faculty composed of Missionary Baptists, to be under the auspices of the Baptist Denomination of Southeast Alabama; Therefore, be it resolved:

1st. That the Haw Ridge Association, through the Messengers composing the same, endorse said school, and adopt the same as The Missionary Baptist School of Southeast Alabama, with all of its intents and purposes, as exhibited by its constitution.

2d. That this Association, during its present session, appoint a Trustee or Trustees for said school, and he or they be hereby authorized to co-operate with the Board of Trustees for said school; and that we herein and hereby recommend that the Missionary Baptist Denomination of Southeast Alabama adopt and patronize said school.

We also recommend that this Association recognize and endorse The Southeast Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute at Newton, by the adoption of the appended preamble and Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL MARTIN,
W. J. SNELLGROVE,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERENCE—No. 2.

We your committee on Temperence submit the following report: In view of the fact that at each assembly of our associations a committee is appointed on Temperence is evidence that the question will not be downed, the principles of Righteousness are not to be ignored by one Government to make merchandise of what is injurious to human life, morals and prosperity. If the sale of Intoxicants as a beverage cause all these evils it is a sin to give License to it and make revenue from it to support the Government. The prohibition issue is more important than all other questions put together. We find that James Appelton was the father of Prohibition Legislation. When in 1837 in the State of Maine he secured the passage of his Bill for the promotion of the cause of Temperence. It was the first law of the kind in the world that was only (61) sixty-one years ago. Now we find some kind of Prohibitory laws in almost all civilized countries. Col. Bain says, there is not a rose on the bonnet of a liquor seller's wife that did not cost the rose out of some other wife's cheek. Carroll D. Wright Gov. statistician says that nearly four hundred thousand pass over the saloon bars in New York every day and that

two thousand people starve to death every year in that great city.

According to another report of commissioner Miles in the year 1891 there was consumed 91,157,566 gallons of spirits and 977,497,761 of malt liquor. Money invested in this vile stuff was (\$1,200,000,600) one billion two hundred million and six hundred dollars all of which is
Respectfully, PHILIP KING, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL—No. 3.

We submit the following as our report: There has not been very much done along this line during the past year but the Sunday school work has improved to some extent. In our last Association there was no Sunday school represented. This year there is three. We Baptist believe in the Sabbath school work and brethren let us try our faith by our works. There is between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000 children in our land without religious instruction. We would suggest that the committee on Sunday schools for the ensuing year work for the organization of a Sunday school at every church in this Association, and be able to make a grand report next year. We further recommend that the brethren of each church help these committees in this great work; for without the help of parent the Sunday school cannot be made a success. The Lord help us to give the children religious instruction and by so doing we will receive more instruction ourselves. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. BYRD, Chairman

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME—No. 4.

We your committee on Orphan's Home are pained at the small amount sent up by our churches for the support of the Orphan children, which we as a denomination are trying to support and educate. And we do urge the brethren of this Association to take this important matter into consideration and do more work for the orphans and their home. And also urge our pastor to present this matter to our churches.

W. C. JONES,
ISAAC KEISER.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS—No. 5.

We your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons submit the following as our report: That we are pleased to state that there has not a minister or deacon died within the bounds of our association for the past year.

G. B. LANGFORD,
H. B. CHERRY,

MISSION—No. 6.

We your committee on Mission, beg leave to offer the following report. We find a great falling off along this line, as there is but little over one-half of what we had last year. We would suggest the church would respond more liberally along this line, as we find the different boards in great need of such, not only this but we find our preachers unequally paid. So much so that we fear the word of God

is not having the free course it should have. All this my brethren grows, out of the fact that we are not doing our duty as faithful disciples of Christ. We further would impress it upon our brethren to look more diligent in their line of business we submit our report with the request that the churches composing this Association will be more liberal along this line during our next Associational year, Respectfully submitted,

J. W. POWELL,

NOMINATION—No. 7.

We your committee on Nomination beg leave to submit the following report: Missions, Lewis Moseley, J. Matt Williams, and W. L. Echols.

Education—J. W. Roe, W. M. Cooper and Mack Hatcher.

Temperance—Philip King, W. H. Akin and I. H. McLane.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—G. B. Langford, W. E. Heath and James Hudson.

Orphans Home—Henry Hudson, John Jones, and Elbert Matthews.

Sunday School—W. J. Hatcher, J. B. Byrd, Jr. and J. B. Bledsoe.

Executive Committee—Elvin Jones, H. Beckham, Daniel Martin, W. H. Andrews and W. J. Snellgrove.

State Convention—C. L. Matthews and Philip King; Southern Baptist convention, W. J. Hatcher and Lewis Moseley; to preach Introductory to be supplied, J. B. Byrd, Jr., Daniel Martin, and J. D. Hornsby.

DOCUMENTS—No. 8.

We your committee on documents beg leave to submit the following report: We find from reading the letters from the different churches that both Pleasant Grove and Mt. Liberty send petitions for the next session of your body. After considering their respective claims, we recommend that your next session be held with Pleasant Grove church on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October 1898. Respectfully,

J. B. BLEDSOE.

TREASURER'S REPORT—No. 10.

I, J. W. Roe, Treasurer of the Haw Ridge Association, submit the following:

Oct. 14, 1898 Received of Finance Committee	- - -	\$ 37 70
" " " Paid clerk to print minutes	- - -	11 25

" " " Balance on hand	- - - - -	\$ 26 45
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Respectfully submitted, J. W. Roe, Treasurer.

No. 11. Resolved that this Association tender this church and community their sincere thanks and appreciation for their kind and most generous hospitalities during our stay among them. Respectfully,

J. B. BYRD, JR.

We your Committee on Finance submit the following report.

REPORT ON FINANCE—No. 9.

CHURCHES.	Minutes	State Missions		For Missions		Orphans Home		Sunday School		C. S. Pelham	
		C.	V.	C.	V.	C.	V.	C.	V.	C.	V.
Antioch,	1.50			.95							
Christian Home,	.60			1.75							
Ebenezer,	1.65			6.00							
Enon,	.50					.40					
Haw Ridge.	1.00										
Mt. Liberty,	1.50			.50							
Pleasant Grove,	3.00			2.00							
Rockey Head,	1.50			2.25							
General Collections				3.65							
	1125	9.95		6.40	1060			2.15	5.90		
										3.70	
											8.00
											Total 59.95

W. C. JONES,
J. W. POWELL,
W. V. SMITH,
Committee.

CHURCH DIRECTORY AND STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP						
					BAPTISTS	RESTORATION	REG. BY LETTER	DIS. BY LETTER	DEAD	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS IN GSTITUTE
Antioch, Cool Springs, Christian Home, Ebenezer, Enon, Enterprise, Haw Ridge, Lime Creek, Mt. Liberty, Pleasant Grove, Rockey Head, 11	J. A. Phillips, D. C. Allen, W. W. Faulkner, J. W. Reynolds, J. F. Register, J. F. Register, W. W. Faulkner, W. W. Faulkner, W. W. Faulkner, W. W. Faulkner, 11	Elanville, Brundidge, Charlton, Baltic, Geneva, Geneva, Haw Ridge, Haw Ridge, Dillard, Rockey Head,	E. K. Smith, D. A. Faulk, W. E. Hayes, H. M. Bradley, W. E. Heath, James Hudson, G. B. Langford, W. O. Roe,	Elanville, Tennille, Haw Ridge, Adair, Haw Pidge, Haw Ridge, Dillard, Rockey Head,	7 3 4 4 3 1 1 1 5 32	5 2 4 1 4 3 3 3 5 11	12 0 0 0 4 0 3 3 8 16	2 0 1 0 0 0 1 3 5 14	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	124 50 108 81 43 113 220 115 32 854	2nd 3rd 3rd 2nd 1st 1st 1st 1st 4th 32

ORDAINED MINISTERS—W. J. Hatcher, Hatcher, Ala., C. L. Matthews, Ozark, Alabama.

